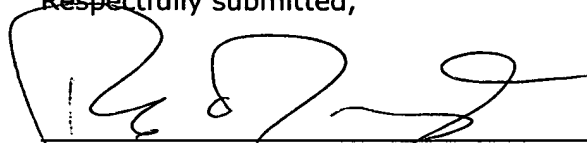


**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-22 were pending in the application. Claims 23-28 have been added. These claims were previously pending in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/115,221, which has a common specification and drawings, was filed on the same day as the present application, and has mostly the same inventors, except for an additional inventor listed in the present application. An office action in the '221 application indicated that claims equivalent to claims 23-28 were allowable if rewritten in independent form and amended to overcome an antecedent basis issue. It is believed that the newly added claims are allowable as currently presented.

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